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Dear Mr. Macfarlane:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed, on behalf of the Friends of the Clearwater, regarding the Doc Denny Vegetation Project Decision Notice (DN) on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.18 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, including your arguments, the information referenced in the October 28, 2013 transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (email attachment). The transmittal letter provides the specific page references to discussions in the DN, environmental analysis, and project file, which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal record, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and, recommends Forest Supervisor Rick Brazzel's decision be affirmed and your requested relief be denied.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the transmittal letter, I find your objections were adequately considered in the DN. I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. I find the District Ranger has made a reasoned decision.

After careful consideration of the above factors, I affirm the Forest Supervisor's decision to implement the Doc Denny Vegetation Project. Your requested relief is denied.

My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,


JANE L. COTTRELL
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Rick Brazell, Norma Staaf, Ray G Smith, Jennie Fischer, Allen Byrd

